

619614

CLASSIFICATION <u>SECRET</u>		
East Germany		
COUNTRY	Kummersdorf Bomb Range	REPORT
TOPIC		
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	
DATE OF CONTENT		
DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED 11 August 1954	
REFERENCES		
PAGES 3	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - one sketch on ditto	
REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. On 10, 11 and 12 May 1954, MIG-15s practiced the dropping of bombs over Kummersdorf air force training area. About 0600, an alert was sounded. About 0900, the first three aircraft approached from the northeast and crossed the AA targets in Jagen (forest sub-district) 111, 113 and 120 at intervals of about 200 meters. Two bombs each were dropped by the aircraft. The first plane dived, approaching from the south. As it was pulling out of its dive and climbing again, the second aircraft dived from the west. Simultaneously, the third aircraft approached for diving from the eastern direction. Source made a sketch of the procedure. The 3 aircraft approached the target in level flight from a distance of 2,000 to 2,500 meters, occasionally making light pendulum movements to the right and left. They dropped the 2 bombs simultaneously, while diving 700 to 800 meters. The detonations of the bombs were heard 14 to 18 seconds after the release. The observer stood 1,200 to 1,500 meters from the impact. Bombing by 3 aircraft was continued up to approximately 1730 with an interval of 30 to 45 minutes between the individual groups of aircraft. The directions of attack usually differed. Each plane was fitted with an auxiliary fuel tank. After releasing their bombs, the aircraft would assemble and head toward the west. Somewhat later, the aircraft made a sharp turn to the north-northeast.
2. On 24 and 26 May, single-engine aircraft practiced bombing over Kummersdorf. Between 0730 and 1700, the AA gun emplacements and tank dummies were attacked with bombs and aircraft armament by groups of aircraft at intervals of 30 to 45 minutes. Nine to 12 aircraft approached from the southeast and, after dropping two individual bombs, headed toward the northeast.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET

SECRET/

25X1

- 2 -

3. On 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, and 17 June, single-engine aircraft again practiced bombing over the bomb range. At 0615, on each of these days an alert was sounded and at about 0715, the first wave of 10 single-engine aircraft flying in close-order formation would approach from the north. Subsequently, the bombing attacks at the AA gun emplacements were made in elements of two. Each aircraft dropped only one bomb. The attacks were made from all directions at altitudes of between 300 and 700 meters. When all of the aircraft had dropped their first bombs, the procedure was repeated and the second bomb was released. While the last aircraft of the first wave made their attacks, the second wave appeared over the training area coming from southeast. When the aircraft of the second wave dropped their bombs, the aircraft of the first wave again attacked the same targets with aircraft armament from altitudes of between 50 and 200 meters. Subsequently, the attacking with aircraft armament was also practiced by the aircraft of the second wave. After 45 minutes, the next two aircraft waves appeared. Individual waves included 2 to 4 aircraft which dropped 6 small bombs apparently from a container. These bombs were dropped at intervals of 50 to 75 cm. Their detonations were heard 13 to 16 seconds after the release.

25X1  
25X1

4. Between 0900 and 1600 on 6 June, at intervals of 30 minutes, two MIG-15s and U-MIG-15s appeared over the bomb range without bombing or firing. The aircraft came from the southeast. Between 0930 and 1600, two twin-jet aircraft, probably IL-28s, flew over the training area coming from the east at intervals of 30 minutes. They did not drop bombs or fire. Allegedly, 60 to 100 men were engaged in the establishment of installations in Jagen 104, 105, 112, 120, and 122. The type of the installations could not be determined because the area was strictly guarded. Large quantities of wood were used at the site. No angle reflector antennas could be observed in the entire eastern section of the firing range.
5. About 0830 on 27 May, an air alert warning sounded. Approximately one hour later, 9 single-engine aircraft crossed over the firing range at a high altitude coming from the northeast. The formation consisted of 3 flights flying at intervals of 3,000 to 4,000 meters. The aircraft individually dived over the bomb range and dropped one bomb each. This procedure was repeated two times. Thus, about 27 bombs were dropped within one hour. The all clear signal sounded about 1200.
6. After 2100 on 14 June, several aircraft dropped bombs over the bomb range at intervals of 8 to 10 minutes. The aircraft themselves could not be observed. From the detonations heard it was inferred that 3 or 4 bombs were dropped each time. The exercise continued up to about 2400.
7. The angle reflector antennas were no longer observed near the miniature village near the kilometer markers 3 and 4 on the firing range near Kammersdorf. All of the houses in the dummy

25X1

SECRET/

SECRET/

25X1

- 3 -

village were burnt down and many bomb craters were around. Between 22 and 27 June, no bombing or firing was practiced.

8. On 14 July, dummies of tanks, artillery pieces and AT guns were observed in Jagen 122 and 155, approximately near kilometer marker 3 of the firing range. The dummy guns were made from wooden beams. Trenches and barbed wire were also seen. The area was destroyed by bomb craters. No angle reflector antennas were identified.

Comment. For diagrammatic sketch of attacks, observed by source 1, see Annex. The exercise involved MiG-15s from an unidentified airfield and Il-10s probably of the ground attack division in Alt Loernewitz. The latter aircraft, possibly belonged to the ground attack division in Brandenburg. The Il-28s observed were probably assigned to the bomber regiment in Briesen. The angle reflector antennas which could not be identified at Kummersdorf bomb range have previously been observed at Gadow-Rossow training area.

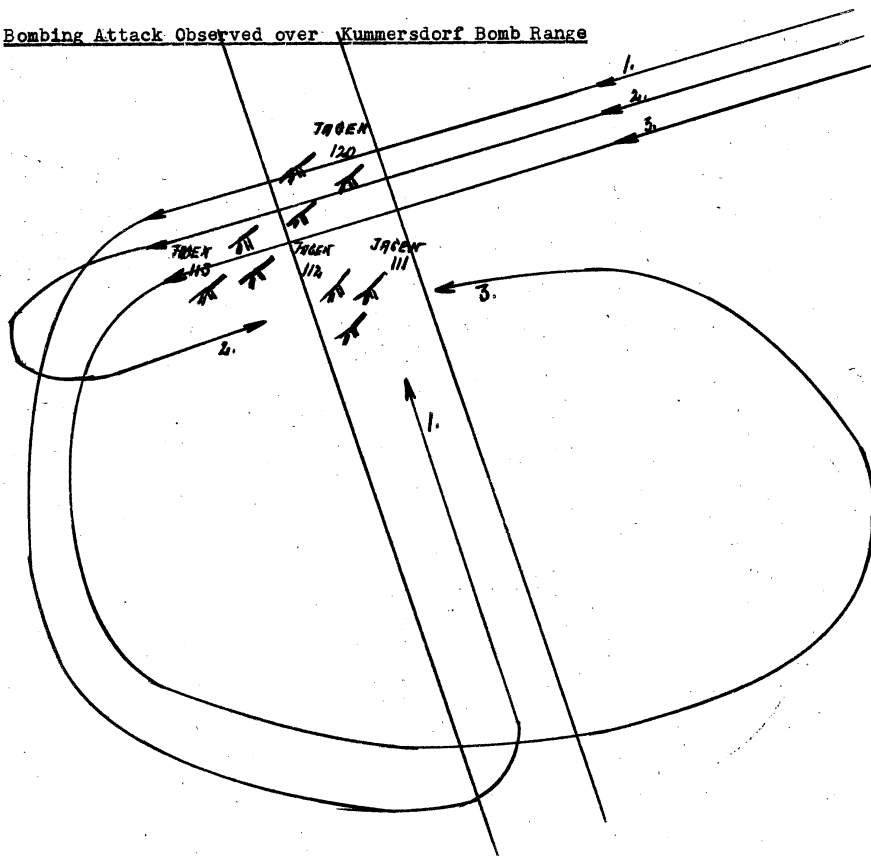
25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

Bombing Attack Observed over Kammersdorf Bomb Range



SECRET

SECRET

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1